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SENATE BILL No. 301

DIGEST OF SB 301 (Updated January 23, 2006 11:59 am - DI 113)

Citations Affected: IC 20-12.

Synopsis: Access to I-Light network by hospitals. Provides that if the universities that administer the Indiana higher education telecommunications system determine that the I-Light fiber optic network has excess capacity not needed to meet the communications needs of authorized users, the universities may allow public or private hospitals to access the network after June 30, 2006. Provides that the universities shall provide I-Light access to the hospitals at a cost that does not exceed the universities' costs to operate, maintain, and administer the network.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 9, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

January 24, 2006, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2006)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-12-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"authorized user" means any person authorized to use the I-Light**
5 **network on June 30, 2006.**

6 (b) As used in this section, "holder" means a state agency or
7 other instrumentality of state government that holds the contract
8 for the state's indefeasible right of use to I-Light.

9 (c) As used in this section, "I-Light" refers to the statewide high
10 speed optical fiber network. The term includes the fiber optic
11 networks known at any time as I-Light and I-Light 2.

12 (d) As used in this section, "indefeasible right of use" means a
13 temporary ownership right in a fiber optic cable, specified in terms
14 of a certain number of channels of a given bandwidth.

15 (e) If the universities determine that the I-Light network has
16 excess capacity that is not needed to meet the communications
17 needs of authorized users, the universities shall permit any public

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1 or private hospital licensed under IC 16-21 to access the I-Light
2 network after June 30, 2006. If necessary to allow the access
3 permitted by this section, the holder may assign to the universities
4 an indefeasible right of use of any part of the I-Light network.

5 (f) The coordinating unit established under section 3(a) of this
6 chapter may establish standards or other requirements for access
7 to the I-Light network by a public or private hospital. However,
8 any standards or requirements established under this subsection
9 must be applied on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis.

10 (g) The universities shall provide access to the I-Light network
11 to a public or private hospital under this section at a cost that does
12 not exceed the universities' costs of operating, maintaining, and
13 administering the network, including the costs of upgrading the
14 network to incorporate the best available technology.

15 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 301, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 301 as introduced.)

FORD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

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